

BIBLE STUDY
I WILL – Lesson 12
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I WILL SERVE AND SUPPORT *the church*

Matthew 21: 1-11

Jesus had such a great personality and work that people were drawn to Him. Some people flocked to Him to receive something such as a healing, others to witness miracles or to get a blessing. Still others could have followed Him because it was a popular thing to do. There is another group involved in a serving revolution that followed Him because they wanted to serve and support Him. Each of us should examine our motives as we serve and support the Master.

Too many of us want to be served while few of us desire to serve the Lord through His church as the church serves people. Serving is an expression of our support to the ministry. We can support the church with our presence, as we utilize our skills and our resources. As servants, we serve the Lord's church when it is popular and when it is unpopular; when it is convenient and when it is not convenient; serve when things are well and when things are not so well.

Let me share with you three reasons that we can support the church that is inspired by our text.

- I. Support the Church because You have been *Sent* by the Lord. (vs. 1-5)
 - A. Know your ministry
 - B. Know your mission
- II. Support the Church because You *Went* for the Lord. (vs. 6-8)
 - A. Commit yourself to execute the work
 - B. Connect with others to execute the work
- III. Support the Church because of the Time You *Spent* with the Lord. (vs. 9-11)
 - A. Spend time with the Lord in prayer
 - B. Spend time praising the Lord